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BOARD OF MASSAGE
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK
THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE	:	Administrative Action
APPLICATION OF	:	
	:	
ELLEN EDWARDS	:	
	:	CONSENT ORDER
	:	
TO PRACTICE MASSAGE AND	:	
BODYWORK THERAPY IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of
Massage and Bodywork Therapy ("Board") upon review of Ellen
Edwards's application for licensure as a massage and bodywork

therapist. Upon a review of the application, and the results of the Criminal History Background Check, it was ascertained by the Board that in response to the questions relating to arrests and convictions on the application, the applicant indicated that she had never been charged with any offense. However, the background check indicated that the applicant had been arrested in 2005 on charges of simple assault and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The charges were both dismissed in 2006. Ms. Edwards claims that she checked "no" in response to the question about ever being charged with a crime or offense because she did not recollect the incident, because the matter was dismissed. Ms. Edwards maintains that she is now having the record expunged.

The Board finds that the applicant knew or should have known that by failing to disclose the fact of her arrest on the application in response to the questions about arrests and/or convictions she was providing misleading information, and that she therefore engaged in misrepresentation on her application in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board finding that licensure as well as entry of the within order are appropriate, and sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 21st DAY OF December, 2015

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A \$100.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, and shall be submitted along with this signed order.

2. The applicant's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of all applicable fees and demonstration of satisfaction of all requirements for licensure, if she has not already done so.

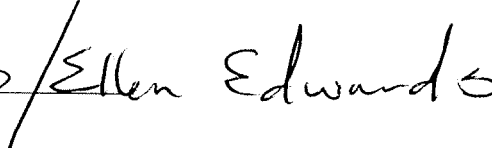
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

By:


Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian
Chairperson

I have read and understand the
Within Consent Order and
agree to be bound by its terms.


Ellen Edwards


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